

REMARKS

In this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 have been amended and claims 4 and 13 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-12, and 14-17 are pending in this application. No new matter has been introduced through this Amendment.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 4, 9, and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As suggested by the Examiner, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 4 and claim 10 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 13. Claims 2-3, and 5-9 depend from claim 1 and claims 11-12, and 14-17 depend from claim 10, either directly or indirectly. Applicants respectfully submit therefore that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicants' attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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